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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Soviet Defense Spending

Secretary Brown has forwarded a memorandum to the President which contains the following data:

- a. Soviet investment in military hardware expressed in outlays and in constant FY 77 dollars has been as follows: FY 73--\$35 billion; FY 76--\$36 billion; FY 77--\$37 billion. Do we concur with these?
- b. He indicates that there was a crossover in US and Soviet total defense spending expressed in outlays in 1971.

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